

TRIANGLE "OFFICIAL" PERFIN OF HUNGARY

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The well known triangle official perfin of Hungary (illustrated below) is neither a perfin nor official. In fact from 1921 to 1924 the authorities punched these three holes into various stamps. These became the normal issue and were the only stamps sold in post offices to the general public. Collectors and dealers who wanted unpunched examples could purchase them through the philatelic agency, but at 10% more than face value. A good way of pleasing the collector !

As the stamps punched with the three holes were the normal issue it is not surprising to find them additionally perfinned by private firms. Below is an example showing the "official" triangle and a private "B.D.S," perfin.

